

SCRIPTURE READING  
I TIMOTHY 3.8-13

**DEACONS**

# WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

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"called-out people"  
ekklesia

called out of the world, to be  
sent into the world to witness  
to the resurrection of Jesus in  
our worship, our work, and our  
loving service...

**ACTS 1.6-11**

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"you will be my witnesses in  
Jerusalem and in all Judea and  
Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

THE CHURCH  
**WITNESS TO**  
**RESURRECTION POWER**

# **THE CHURCH ORGANIZED**

Ephesians 4.11-13

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Christ the Head (Col 1.18)

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## Acts 6

- *work needed done*
- *looked among themselves for spiritual, wise & mature men*
- *appointed to the task, got things done.*

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So what is a deacon?

## ***diakonos***

- 1) 'minister' - e.g., Ro 13:4; 1Ti 4:6
- 2) 'servant' - e.g., Jn 12:26; Ro 16:1
- 3) 'deacon' - e.g., 1Ti 3:8,12; Php 1:1



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So what is a deacon?

*"a special servant who serves under the shepherd's oversight to perform specific tasks to get things done for the sake of God's mission for the church."*

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So what does a deacon do?

*they are servants who work in benevolence ministries, physical facilities, manage finances, coordinate worship services, work with youth & education, & 1000 other things*

# DEACONS

What aren't deacons?

- *Jr. Elders*
- *Butlers who work so we don't have to*
- *winners of popularity contest*

# DEACONS

- (1) Special servants
- (2) Chosen from among the congregation
- (3) Spiritually mature, gifted, and qualified
- (4) Appointed by the elders to a task

